

October 1, 2009

Meeting began at 8:07 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Randy Ripplinger, Dennis Bertucci, Wendell Roundy, Gladys LeFevre, Council Members; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Public present: Ashley Coombs, Steve and Cheryl Cox, Peg and Betty Smith, Constance Lynn.

Pledge of allegiance

Dennis made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting (Sept. 2). Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Cheryl reported that the Boulder Heritage Foundation is sponsoring the Hogsback Heritage Project and the Heritage Writing Project. They have had writing projects at the festivals, but have not ended up with a product to publish. Their goal is to explore and preserve the history and stories of this place. They have done a booklet each year for the festival (on ranches, schools, etc.), but want to involve as many people as possible. Later this month they are having a creative writing workshop where people can come together and write historical stories based on next year's theme.

The Hogsback Heritage Project will take up the first two hours of the workshop and will include later phases during the year to help the participants have their writing ready by June for publication in time for the festival in July. Next year's theme is "The Women of Boulder." Their challenge is to get people who don't think they can write to participate. They will have free-to-the-public readings as part of the weekend. David Lee, Dianne Oberhansly, and Raymond Shurtz will be the presenters. There is a charge for the workshop.

Constance thanked the Council for funding the recycling project for seven months. The end of October will be the end of the season. Red Rock Recycling is willing to accept certain things for a small fee in Escalante. Jim Jensen still wants to participate and is looking at a used baler for the town. By baling our own materials, we might be able to have our own program. It could pay for itself. He's willing to donate his labor to get the baler into working condition and work with Loch, if he's still interested. Constance will put notices up about the ending of the program. The cost of doing it ourselves would be mostly for electricity to operate the baler. We may be able to collect things and store them at Mark Austin's. Dennis would like us to have a way to keep some kind of program going, now that people are in the habit of bringing things to be recycled.

Boulder has supported the program.

Our insurance company renewed our policy this year on the condition that we adopt Family Medical Leave and Paid Time Off policies by the end of October. They sent us samples, and Mark reviewed them and made a few minor changes to fit our situation. Neither applies to us now, as we don't have any full-time employees nor do we have any who worked over 1250 hours in the last year. If the time comes that they do apply, we will have to revisit them. Gladys made a motion that we adopt the FMLA and PTO policies dated October 1, 2009, as approved by our attorney. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

We need to appoint election judges for the upcoming election. The Mayor appointed Donna Wilson, Larry Davis, and Peg Smith to be judges, with Larry Ripplinger as the alternate if needed. We will ask the three judges to each work some days with Judi on the early voting days. Gladys made a motion to accept these people as judges. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Mayor reported on his and Tom's attendance at the PCIFB training in Cedar City. There was also training for a Block Grant program for Energy Efficiency projects, but the deadline for submission of applications is past. The Community Impact Board has \$9,000,000 available statewide for allocation, with government buildings at the top of the list. If we set the February cycle as a goal, we could have the public hearings finished and the application prepared. We need to have all the figures prepared in detail, so we will need to get an architect and have the finances in order. Jones and DeMille and another firm have offered to do the engineering report without charge. We qualify for the eligible projects and now need to get an architect. We will contact Wayne County and Garfield County to see what architect they used for their community buildings. We have the option of going with a historic designation, for which there are positive and negative aspects.

Judi reported on the CDBG training which she and Bill attended. The Five County AoG has \$800,000 to allocate, and some of that is already committed to ongoing projects. Applications are due in December and must be preceded by a public hearing. The hearing is scheduled for October 15 at 7:00.

The Capital Improvements list was discussed and updated. After several suggestions for five-year projects, including an update of the firehouse to make it more energy efficient and developing a recycling facility, it was decided to leave the list as it was last year. The one-year project will be a remodel and expansion of a multi-purpose community center, with the \$650,000 estimated cost divided between a CDBG grant (\$130,000), a PCIFB grant (\$500,000), and a town match (\$20,000).

A new construction pit has been dug at the landfill. We need to deal with excessive construction waste. It is our understanding that the county requires contractors to have dumpsters on site. We haven't heard back from the road hazards committee.

Farlan will work on the cemetery road. Our culinary water bill at this property has been excessively high the last four months, in spite of the sprinkler system timers having been cut back each month. It was suggested that we check to see if the meter is still running at a time we know there is no water turned on in the building or on the grounds to see if there could be a leak. Wulf Barsch donated flooring material for the post office in 1990, but it hasn't been used and he would like to have it returned. The Council agreed to return it to him.

Dennis reported that things have been taken from the ambulance when it was parked in the firehouse, and the EMT's would like tighter security. They would like to move the ambulance to the end bay by itself so it can be separated from the rest of the building and locked up. We may need to check the heat in that room and reverse the door. The cost will come from the fire department budget. Dennis will take care of getting it done.

The Planning Commission is working on a new questionnaire.

Our attorney has sent a letter to Gibbs Smith regarding his signs. We will have to approach the Drains again but will give them time to keep cleaning things up.

We have received a request from Camille Hall to vacate 100 West north of E Street. A section of the fence in the road has been knocked down. We have a complaint about the outhouse that is being used. Wendell said Camille wants a letter requesting the removal of the fence. We will allow the fence to remain until after the public hearing on the road vacation request.

Next month's meeting will begin at 7:00, since Daylight Savings Time will have ended.

Gladys made a motion the meeting adjourn. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.